



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
ECKARD et al.
Serial No. 09/773,054
Filed: 01/31/2001
For: SPECIAL SERVICE STATION
MODULE FOR EXTRA
SERVICING

} Art Unit: 2861
} Examiner: Nghiem, M.
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action of September 17, 2002, was filed on November 20th, and an advisory action was mailed by the Office on December 2nd. A supplemental response to the office action was submitted on December 11th. In the advisory action mailed December 23, 2002, the Examiner refused to enter the December 11th paper, on the grounds that the amendment raised new issues.

A request for continued examination is submitted herewith. Kindly further amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A method for servicing an inkjet printer including an inkjet printhead with a nozzle plate and a first service module removably installed on the printer, comprising:

identifying a printhead-related service condition not adequately addressed by servicing the printer with the first service module being in an un-worn condition;